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# OFFICERS

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## SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS

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*Governor* . . . HENRY STOCKBRIDGE . . . Law Building.  
*Deputy Governor* . MCHENRY HOWARD . . . Equitable Building.  
*Lieut. Governor* . ROBERT LANCASTER BRENT . . 816 Cathedral street.  
*Secretary* . . . GEORGE NORBURY MACKENZIE Law Building.  
*Deputy Secretary* . ANTHONY MORRIS TYSON . . 207 N. Calvert street.  
*Treasurer* . . . JOHN APPLETON WILSON . . 5 E. Lexington street.  
*Historian* . . . EDWIN HARVIE SMITH . . . Daily Record B'ild'g.  
*Registrar* . . . CHARLES BERNARD TIERNAN . 13 E. Lexington st.

*Gentlemen of the Council.*

*Committee on Membership.*

BENNETT BERNARD BROWNE, M. D., Ch.	HENRY STOCKBRIDGE, JR., Chairman.
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BENJAMIN HOWARD GRISWOLD,	ANTHONY MORRIS TYSON,
JOHN SAVAGE WILLIAMS,	EDWIN HARVIE SMITH, Secretary.
JOHN PHILEMON PACA.	

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*Committee on Installation.*

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GEN. BRADLEY TYLER JOHNSON, D. Ch.	BENJAMIN HOWELL GRISWOLD, D. Ch.
ROBERT LANCASTER BRENT,	RICHARDS CARSON MEEKER,
EDWARD REYNOLDS,	MATTHEW SMITH TYSON,
JOHN PHILEMON PACA.	BENNETT BERNARD BROWNE, M. D.



## MEMBERSHIP.

27	HORATIO GATES ARMSTRONG,	2115 Oak Street.
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14	GEN. JOSEPH LANCASTER BRENT	816 St. Paul Street.
13	BENNET BERNARD BROWNE, M. D.	1518 Madison Avenue.
7	SAMUEL CLAGGETT CHEW, M. D.	215 W. Lanvale Street.
9	WILLIAM RIDGELY GRIFFITH,	9 W. Huntington Avenue.
8	BENJAMIN HOWELL GRISWOLD,	1414 Park Avenue.
23	McHENRY HOWARD	919 Cathedral Street.
10	GEN. BRADLEY TYLER JOHNSON	"The Shirley."
1	GEORGE NORBURY MACKENZIE,	1808 Park Avenue.
21	DAVID BARTON MARSHALL	Pikesville, Md.
17	RICHARDS CARSON MEEKER,	1512 Park Avenue.
26	JOHN LIVINGSTON MINIS,	263 W. Hoffman Street.
18	JOHN PHILEMON PACA	2219 Oak Street.
25	EDWARD REYNOLDS	Baltimore County.
20	EDWIN HARVIE SMITH	1017 St. Paul Street.
16	THOMAS MARSH SMITH	16 E. Eager Street.
4	HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,	11 N. Calhoun Street.
5	HENRY STOCKBRIDGE, JR.	11 N. Calhoun Street.
2	WILLIAM HENRY DECOURCY WRIGHT THOM,	14 E. Franklin Street.
3	DOUGLAS HAMILTON THOMAS,	1033 St. Paul Street.
6	CHARLES BERNARD TIERNAN,	118 W. Lanvale Street.
12	ANTHONY MORRIS TYSON	817 Park Avenue.
19	MATTHEW SMITH TYSON,	817 Park Avenue.
11	JOHN SAVAGE WILLIAMS,	8 E. Mulberry Street.
22	MASON LOCKE WEEMS WILLIAMS,	407 W. Lavale Street.
15	JOHN APPLETON WILSON	1013 St. Paul Street.

## INCORPORATORS.

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 JOHN SAVAGE WILLIAMS.

## PREAMBLE.

*Whereas,* It is desirable that there should be adequate celebrations commemorative of the events of Colonial History happening from the settlement of Jamestown, Va., May 13, 1607, to the Battle of Lexington, April, 19, 1775.

*Therefore,* The Society of Colonial Wars has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of these events and of the men, who in Military, Naval and Civil positions of high trust and responsibility, by their acts or counsel assisted in the establishment, defense and preservation of the American Colonies, and were in truth the founders of this Nation. With this end in view it seeks to collect and preserve manuscripts, rolls and records; to provide suitable commemorations or memorials relating to the American Colonial period, and to inspire in its Members the paternal and patriotic spirit of their Forefathers, and in the Community respect and reverence to those whose public services made our freedom and unity possible.

# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

The Society shall be known by the name and title of the "Society of the Colonial Wars" in the State of Maryland.

## ARTICLE II.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Any male person above the age of twenty-one years, of good, moral character and reputation, shall be eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Maryland, who is descended from an ancestor

1. Who fought in battle under Colonial authority, prior to the year 1700:

2. Or who served as a Governor, Deputy Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Member of the Council, or Assembly, or as a Military, Naval, or Marine Officer, in the service of the Colonies, or under the banner of Great Britain in North America, in the wars in which said Colonies participated, or furnished troops, from the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia, May 13, 1607, to the Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775.

## ARTICLE III.

### OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Society of Colonial Wars shall be a Governor, a Deputy Governor, a Lieutenant Governor, a Secretary, a Deputy Secretary, a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Historian and a Chaplain, who shall, with the exception of the Deputy Secretary and Chaplain, be *ex-officio* members of the Council.

## ARTICLE IV.

## GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES.

There shall be a Council consisting of nine members in addition to the ex-officio members; a Committee on Membership, consisting of seven members; a Committee on Collection of Historical Documents and Records, consisting of five members, and a Committee on Installation consisting of five members.

## ARTICLE V.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Council shall appoint a nominating committee of three members *who shall not be officers*; who two weeks before the General Court of the Society, shall report to the Council a list of members to be voted for at the ensuing election, to succeed the officers and committees whose terms expires at such General Court. The officers together with the Gentlemen of the Council and Members of Committees shall be elected at the General Court by ballot. A plurality vote shall elect, and said officers and committees, shall hold office for the period of one year, or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. Vacancies shall be for the residue of the current year by the Council.

## ARTICLE VI.

## ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

Every application for membership shall be made in writing, subscribed by the applicant, and approved by two members of the Society over their signatures. Application shall be accompanied by proof of eligibility, and such application and proof shall be referred to the Committee on Membership, who shall carefully investigate the same and report at the next meeting their recommendation thereon. Members shall be elected by vote at a Council of the Society duly called, but a negative vote of one in seven of the ballots cast shall cause the rejection of such candidate. Payment of initiation fee and dues, and a subscription to the declaration contained in the Constitution of the Society, shall be a prerequisite of membership.

## ARTICLE VII.

## HEREDITARY MEMBERSHIP.

The eldest male lineal representative of a member in good standing shall be entitled to membership, subject to the approval of the Council, upon complying with the conditions of the preceding article in other

respects. After the year 1900, the initiation fee of such candidates shall be remitted.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### DECLARATION.

Every member shall declare upon honor that he will use his best efforts to promote the purposes of the Society, and will observe the "Constitution" and "By-Laws" of the same; and if a citizen of the United States, shall declare that he will support the Constitution of the United States, such declaration shall be in writing and subscribed to by the member making it.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### PURPOSES.

At every Council the purposes of the Society shall be considered, and the best measures to promote them adopted. No party, political question of the day or existing controversial religious subject shall be discussed or considered at any meeting of the Society.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### COMMEMORATIONS.

It shall be a regulation that members of the Society, when practicable, shall hold a celebration commemorative of some martial event in Colonial history and dine together at least once in each year.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### THE SEAL.

The seal shall be the following design.

The Secretary shall be the custodian of the Seal<sup>3</sup>

## ARTICLE XII.

## INSIGNIA.

The insignia shall be a star of nine points, as adopted by the General Society. It shall be worn by the members on all occasions when they assemble as such for any stated purpose or celebration and may be worn on any occasion of ceremony; it shall be worn conspicuously on the left breast, but members who are or have been Gentlemen of the Council of a State Society may place a rosette of regulation pattern upon the silk band from which it is pendant. Members who are or have been General Officers or officers of a State Society may wear the Insignia with three jewels in the crown and suspended from a regulation ribbon around the neck. Members who are or have been Governors, Deputy Governors, or Lieutenant Governors of State Societies, or officers of the General Society may in addition to the Insignia so suspended wear a ribbon of the Societies colors three and one-half inches in width extending from the right shoulder to the left hip. For State Officers worn under and for General Officers worn over the waist-coat.

The Insignia shall never be worn as an article of jewelry. The Secretary of the Society shall issue the insignia to the members and shall keep a record of all issued by him. Such insignia shall be returned to the Secretary by any member who may resign or be expelled. No member shall receive more than one insignia except to replace one lost, proof of which must be satisfactorily established, and the new one paid for.

The undress insignia shall be a rosette or button of red and white silk. This decoration may be worn at all times in the left coat-lapel.

## ARTICLE XIII.

## THE FLAG.

## ARTICLE XIV.

## ALTERATION OR AMENDMENT.

No alteration or amendment of the Constitution of this Society shall be made unless notice shall have been given in writing, signed by the member proposing the same, at a previous meeting. The Society shall then send a printed copy of the proposed amendment to the members of the Society, and state the Court at which the same will be voted upon.

No amendment shall be made unless adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Court voting upon the same.

# BY-LAWS.

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## SECTION I.

### INITIATION FEES, DUES.

The initiation fee shall be twenty dollars; the annual dues five dollars, payable between the first of January and March of each year, after which latter date, members who have not paid will be deemed in arrear and debarred from voting at the meetings of the Society. The payment at one time of seventy-five dollars shall exempt the member so paying from annual dues.

## SECTION II.

### GOVERNOR.

The Governor, or in his absence, the Deputy Governor, or Lieutenant-Governor, or Chairman *pro tem.*, shall preside at all Courts of the Society, and shall exercise the duties of a presiding officer, under parliamentary rules, subject to an appeal to the Society. The Governor shall be a member *ex-officio* of all committees except the Nominating Committee and Committee on Membership. He shall have power to convene the Council at his discretion, or upon the written request of five members of the Society, or upon the like request of two members of the Council.

## SECTION III.

### SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence of the Society, and keep a record thereof. He shall notify all elected candidates of their admission, and perform such other duties as the Society or his office may require. He shall have charge of the seal, certificates of incorporation, by-laws, historical and other documents and records of the Society other than those required to be deposited with the Registrar, and shall affix the seal to all properly authenticated certificates of membership, and transmit the same to the members to whom they may be issued. He shall notify the Registrar of all admissions to membership. He shall certify all acts of the Society, and when required authenticate them under seal. He shall have charge of printing and publications issued by the Society, and all publications donated to or acquired by purchase for the Society. He shall give due notice of the time and place of the

holding of all courts of the Society and of the Council, and shall incorporate in said notice the names of all applicants for membership to be voted on at said Council, and shall be present at the same. He shall keep fair and accurate records of all the proceedings and orders of the Society and of the Council, and shall give notice to each officer who may be affected by them, of all votes, resolutions and proceedings of the Society or the Council, and at the General Court, or oftener, shall report the names of those candidates who have been admitted to membership and those whose resignations have been accepted, and of those members who have been expelled for cause or for failure to substantiate claim of descent. In his absence from any meeting the Deputy Secretary shall act, or a Secretary *pro tem.*, may be designated therefor.

#### SECTION IV.

##### TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect and keep the funds and securities of the Society; and as often as those funds shall amount to one hundred dollars they shall be deposited in some bank in the city of Baltimore, which shall be designated by the Council, to the credit of the "Society of Colonial Wars," and such funds shall be drawn thence on the check of the Treasurer for the purposes of the Society only. Out of these funds he shall pay such sums only as may be ordered by the Society or the Council, or his office may require. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and payments, and at each annual meeting render the same to the Society.

For the faithful performance of his duty he may be required to give such security as the Society may deem proper.

#### SECTION V.

##### REGISTRAR.

The Registrar shall receive from the Secretary and file all the proofs upon which membership has been granted, with a list of all diplomas countersigned by him and all documents which the Society may obtain; and he, under direction of the Council, shall make copies of such papers as the owners may not be willing to leave in the keeping of the Society.

#### SECTION VI.

##### HISTORIAN.

The Historian shall keep a detailed record of all historical and commemorative celebrations of the Society, and he shall edit and prepare



for publication such historical addresses, papers and other documents as the Society may see fit to publish; also a necrological list for each year, with biographies of deceased members.

## SECTION VII.

### CHAPLAIN.

The Chaplain shall be an ordained Minister of a Christian church, and it shall be his duty to officiate when called upon by the proper officers.

## SECTION VIII.

### THE COUNCIL.

The Council shall have power to call special Courts of the Society, and arrange for celebrations by the Society. They shall have control and management of the affairs and funds of the Society. They shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws, but they shall at no time be required to take any action or contract any debt for which they shall be liable. They may accept the resignation of any member of the Society. They may meet as often as required, or at the call of the Governor. Five members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; at the General Court they shall submit to the Society a report of their proceedings during the past year. The Council shall have the power to drop from the roll the name of any member of the Society who shall be at least two years in arrears and shall fail on proper notice to pay the same within sixty days, and on being dropped his membership shall cease. The council may suspend any officer for cause, which must be reported to the Society and action taken on the same within thirty days. No member of the Council shall nominate or second any applicant for membership.

## SECTION IX.

### VACANCIES AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

Whenever an officer of this Society shall die, resign or neglect to serve, or be suspended, or be unable to perform his duties by reason of absence, sickness, or other cause, and whenever an office shall be vacant which the Society shall not have filled by an election, the Council shall have power to appoint a member to such office *pro tempore*, who shall act in such capacity until the Society shall elect a member to the vacant office, or until the inability due to said cause shall cease; provided, however, that the office of Governor or Secretary shall not be filled by the

Council when there shall be a Deputy or Lieutenant-Governor or Deputy Secretary to enter on these duties. The Council may supply vacancies among its members under the same conditions, and should any member other than an officer be absent from three consecutive Councils of the same, his place may be declared vacant by the Council and filled by appointment until an election of a successor. Subject to these provisions, all officers and Gentlemen of the Council shall from the time of election continue in their respective offices until the next General Court, or until their successors are chosen.

#### SECTION X.

##### RESIGNATION.

No resignation of any member shall become effective unless consented to by the Council.

#### SECTION XI.

##### DISQUALIFICATION.

No person who may be enrolled as a member of this Society shall be permitted to continue in membership when his proofs of descent or eligibility shall be found to be defective. The Council, after thirty days' notice to such person to substantiate his claim, and upon his failure satisfactorily so to do, may require the Secretary to erase his name from the membership list. The said person shall have a right to appeal to the Society at its next Court, or at the General Court. If the said appeal be sustained by a two-thirds vote of the members present at such Court, the said person's name shall be restored to said membership list.

#### SECTION XII.

##### MEMBERSHIP.

Members shall be elected by ballot at a meeting of the Council after report by the Membership Committee; but a negative vote of one in seven of the ballots cast shall exclude any candidate.

#### SECTION XIII.

##### COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.

The Committee on Membership shall consist of seven members. They shall be chosen by ballot at the General Court of the Society, and shall be elected for the period of one year. Four members shall constitute a quorum, and a negative vote of three members shall cause an

adverse report to the Council on the candidate's application. The proceedings of the Committee shall be secret and confidential, and a candidate who has been rejected by the Council shall be ineligible for membership for a space of one year from date of rejection, except upon the unanimous vote of the Committee.

The Committee shall have power to make By-Laws for its government and for other purposes not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society.

#### SECTION XIV.

##### EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION.

Any member for cause or conduct detrimental or antagonistic to the interest or purposes of the Society, or for just cause, may be suspended or expelled from the Society. But no member shall be expelled or suspended unless written charges be presented against such member to the Council. The Council shall give reasonable notice of such charges, and afford such member reasonable opportunity to be heard and refute the same. The Council, after hearing such charges, may recommend to the Society the expulsion or suspension of such member, and if the recommendation of the Council be adopted by a majority vote of the members of the Society present at such Court, he shall be so expelled or suspended, and the insignia of said member shall thereupon be returned to the Treasurer of the Society, and his rights therein shall be extinguished or suspended. The Treasurer shall refund to the said member the amount paid for the said insignia.

#### SECTION XV.

##### COURTS.

The General Court of the Society at which shall be held the annual election for officers, shall be held on the anniversary of the landing of the first Colonists in Maryland, March 25, 1634.

On November 22 in each year, the anniversary of the sailing of the "Ark," and the "Dove" from Cowes, Isle of Wight, shall be held a Social Court of the Society, the character of entertainment to be in the discretion of the Council. Should either anniversary at any time fall upon Sunday the Council to name the day to be observed in lieu thereof.

Special Courts may be called by the Governor at such times as in his opinion the interests of the Society may demand, and must be called by the Secretary on written request of three members.

Business Courts shall be held on the third Mondays of September, October and December, and the first Mondays of February, May and June.

All notice of Courts shall be sent out at least five days before the date of such Court.

## SECTION XVI.

## SERVICE OF NOTICE.

It shall be the duty of every member to inform the Secretary by written communication of his place of residence and of any change thereof, and of his post office address. Service of any notice under the Constitution or By-Laws on any member, addressed to his last residence or post office address, forwarded by mail, shall be sufficient service of notice.

## SECTION XVII.

## DEATH OF MEMBERS.

Upon the decease of any member, notice thereof and the time and place of the funeral shall be published by the Secretary at least once in one daily newspaper in the City of Baltimore, and it shall thereupon become the duty of members, if practicable, to attend the obsequies. Upon official information of the decease of a member, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint from the Society four members as a Committee to represent the Society at the funeral. Any member who becomes aware of the death of a fellow member shall make it his duty to see that the Secretary is properly notified of the fact.

## SECTION XVIII.

## ALTERATION OR AMENDMENT.

No alteration or amendment of the By-Laws shall be made unless notice shall have been duly given in writing, signed by the member proposing the same, at a Court of the Society.

The Secretary shall send a printed copy of the proposed amendment to the members of the Society, and state the Court at which the same will be voted upon. No amendment or alteration shall be made unless adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Court voting upon the same.

OFFICERS  
OF THE  
General Society of Colonial Wars,  
*Elected May 10th, 1893.*

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**Governor General,**  
FREDERIC J. DE PEYSTER.

**Deputy Governors General,**

*For New York,* CHARLES H. MURRAY.

*For Pennsylvania,* JAMES MIFFLIN.

*For Maryland,* GEN. JOSEPH LANCASTER BRENT.

*For Massachusetts,* GEN. W. F. DRAPER,

*For Connecticut,* NATHAN G. POND.

*For District of Columbia,* REAR AD'L FRANCIS ASBURY ROE, U. S. N.

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**Deputy Secretary General,**

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